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HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS, FOR ALL CSCE CAPITALS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, CSCE, MPOL

SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: NOTIFICATIONS OF EXERCISES
-- GORDIAN SHIELD AND GROSSER BAER

PARIS FOR MONACO
ROME FOR VATICAN
AMCONSUL ZURICH FOR LICHTENSTEIN
AMCONSUL FLORENCE FOR SAN MARINO

1. FOR NON-NATO CAPITALS: THE TEXTS GIVEN BELOW SHOULD
BE PASSED TO THE CSCE SIGNATORY GOVERNMENT TO WHICH
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YOU ARE ACCREDITED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16. YOU SHOULD

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CHECK WITH FRG OFFICIALS WHO WILL ALSO BE MAKING NOTIFI-
CATION OF THESE MANEUVERS AND COORDINATE DELIVERY IF
CONVENIENT.

2. FOR NATO CAPITALS: CBM NOTIFICATIONS ARE FOR YOUR
INFORMATION ONLY AS ALLIES HAVE DECIDED TO RETAIN
THE PRACTICE OF CONSIDERING CONSULTATION AND DELIVERY
OF COPY AT NATO AS CONSTITUTING NOTIFICATION TO EACH
OTHER.

3. TEXTS FOLLOW:

BEGIN TEXT OF GORDIAN SHIELD NOTIFICATION: (COMPLIMENTARY
OPENING) AND HEREBY MAKES NOTIFICATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY
MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, OF THE MILITARY
MANEUVER GORDIAN SHIELD. THE MANEUVER WILL INVOLVE FORCES
OF THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND
BELGIUM FROM SEPT 7-11, 1976.

THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AUTUMN
FORGE MANEUVER SERIES. AUTUMN FORGE IS A SERIES OF
NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST
MANEUVERS BEING CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF NATO. U.S. TROOPS
TRANSPORTED TO EUROPE IN THE REFORGER MILITARY MOVEMENT
WILL PARTICIPATE IN GORDIAN SHIELD.

DETAILS OF THE MANEUVER FOLLOW:

NAME OF MANEUVER: GORDIAN SHIELD

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: JOINT, COMBINED FIELD TRAINING
MANEUVER IN THE FRG BY US AND FRG TROOPS.

PURPOSE OF MANEUVER: TO EXERCISE SEA AND AIR STRATEGIC
DEPLOYMENT AND TEST UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF AIR ASSAULT
DIVISION IN THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT.

OVERALL TIMING OF GORDIAN SHIELD: SEPT 7-11, 1976
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TYPES OF FORCES: AIR ASSAULT, GROUND MANEUVER, AND AIR
UNITS

UNITS PARTICIPATING: ELEMENTS OF 5TH US CORPS, 101ST
AIRBORNE DIVISION, (US) 13TH MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE,
(FRG) 75TH RANGERS, PLUS BELGIAN FORCES.

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APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF TROOPS INVOLVED: 30,000

BEGIN TEXT OF GROSSER BAER NOTIFICATION: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND MAKES NOTIFICATION OF THE MILITARY MANEUVER GROSSER BAER UNDER THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE MANEUVER WILL INVOLVE FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 6-10, 1976, IN THE FRG.

THE MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF AUTUMN FORGE, A SERIES OF NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST MANEUVERS BEING CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF NATO.

DETAILS OF THE MANEUVER FOLLOW:

NAME OF MANEUVER: GROSSER BAER

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: JOINT, COMBINED FIELD TRAINING MANEUVER

PURPOSE OF MANEUVER: TO EXERCISE GROUND MANEUVER FORCES

OVERALL TIMING: SEPT 6-10, 1976

TYPES OF FORCES: GROUND FORCES

UNITS PARTICIPATING: 41ST NETHERLANDS BRIGADE, 103RD NETHERLANDS RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, ONE CORPS FRG, ONE US BRIGADE, 7TH UK BRIGADE
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APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF TROOPS INVOLVED: 50,000 ROBINSON

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